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Runyon Visionary Plan

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Hi Catherine,

Per your phone call today, enclosed is the overview of the Runyon Visionary Plan that was produced by the FORC-hired consultant, Mia Lehrer & Associates (MLA). The detailed plan, consisting of a 40-page viewgraph presentation, has been reviewed and approved by Vicki Israel and Joel Alvarez of the Rec & Parks Partnership Division. This plan is a conceptual assessment of what needs to be done in Runyon based on the community outreach assessment and the MLA landscape expertise, not a blueprint for actual changes.

We posted the overview plan on the three Message Board areas in Runyon Canyon to:

- Solicit feedback from the park goers – to add to our Outreach efforts to date
- Encourage park goers to volunteer time and money to our efforts
- Provide a better overview of Runyon Canyon and its trails
- Start a cultural/educational change for a cleaner, more respected park area

FORC has begun to receive some feedback from the message board posting, as you have as well. For instance, there will always be a Yoga Field in Runyon, albeit it may be relocated to a quieter place.

As we discussed, FORC would like to meet with David, Sarah, and yourself early in January 2016 to review the Runyon Visionary Plan and the LADWP effort proposed in Runyon for mid-2016, and the related community outreach. Please reply to this email with some proposed dates/times after January 5th.

Thank you and happy holidays to all the folks in the CD4 Office,

Don

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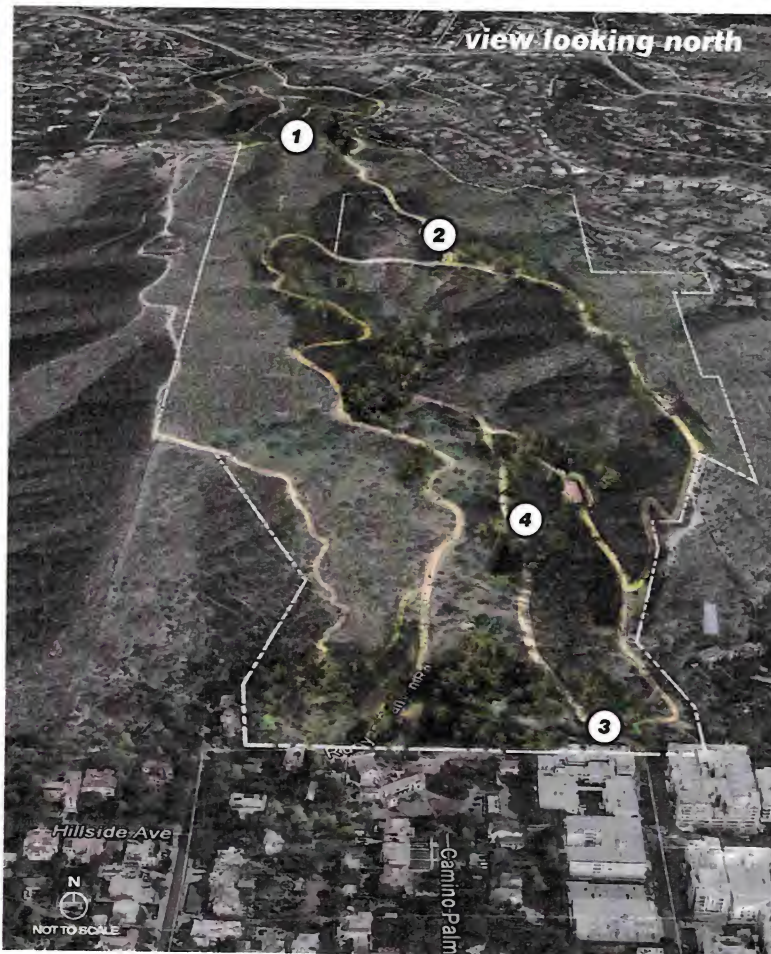
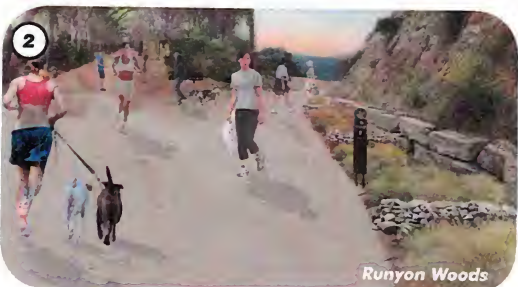
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RUNYON CANYON PARK VISION PLAN

For a Beautiful, Balanced, and Regenerative Future

In order for Runyon Canyon to survive and thrive into the future, we need to establish a park framework to preserve existing wilderness and manage future activity, lest it be loved to death. The thousands of people and animals who love and visit the park every day erode existing trails, blaze

new ones through native habitat, and inadvertently leave waste and trash in the park. This impacts the park's longevity as well as watershed health. This Vision Plan provides a framework for a beautiful, balanced, and regenerative Runyon Canyon Park.



VISION PLAN GOALS:

ENHANCE

the park's natural beauty:

- Reinforce Runyon Canyon as a "health resource" for physical and mental health.
- Manage stormwater and brace trails to **reduce erosion** and dust for a sustaining and healthier park.
- Formalize overlooks to highlight views and **protect the surrounding vegetation** from trampling.
- Replant and maintain trees and vegetation to prevent erosion and provide habitat.

EVOLVE

the park's services to balance the needs of the community, wildlife, and park visitors:

- Provide clear transit options, on-site parking, and off-site parking services to **reduce environmental impacts** on the community and park.
- Provide a visitor center to **welcome and educate visitors**, and host park docents.
- Provide restrooms, water fountains, and waste management to **improve park cleanliness** and human and animal health.
- Provide stable, even walking trails and steps to **reduce erosion and improve trail safety**.
- Manage the park's natural and built systems with regenerative practices to close loops on site and **provide an inspiring urban park model**.

EDUCATE

visitors on the park's physical, ecological and cultural systems through revelatory and regenerative design:

- Design regenerative park improvements that reveal natural processes and **emphasize the park's natural character**.
- **Educate the public** about the park's natural and built systems, and park history.
- Provide park etiquette guidelines around and throughout the park to **encourage respect for people, wildlife, and park processes**.
- Provide park maps, directional and trail signs, distance markers, and facilities information throughout the park to **aid way-finding**.

NOTE: Images are inspirational in nature, and may not represent the final design.

